

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1 1. A method comprising:
2 receiving data from an application;
3 creating a socket;
4 associating the socket with an AF_INET address family and performing a mapping
5 between a socket API and an SDP layer if the application is a legacy application;
6 and
7 associating the socket with an AF_IB address family and performing a mapping between
8 the socket API and an IB verb if the application is a new application.

1 2. The method of claim 1, further comprising providing the data to a channel
2 adapter for transmission over an IBA fabric.

1 3. The method of claim 1, wherein the application is a new application, the
2 act of performing a mapping between the socket API and an IB verb comprising
3 performing a mapping between the socket API and the SDP layer.

1 4. A system comprising:
2 a channel adapter coupled with an IBA fabric, the channel adapter to receive data from
3 applications;
4 a socket API to provide an interface with the applications; and
5 an InfiniSock layer to provide an interface between the socket API and the channel
6 adapter, the InfiniSock layer including an AF_INET address family and an AF_IB
7 address family, the InfiniSock layer to provide a mapping between the socket API
8 and an SDP layer for legacy applications and a mapping between the socket API
9 and an IB verb for new applications.

1 5. The system of claim 4, further comprising a socket, the socket associated
2 with one of the AF_INET address family and the AF_IB address family.

1 6. The system of claim 4, the InfiniSock layer to provide a mapping between
2 the socket API and the SDP layer for a new application.

1 7. An article of manufacture comprising:
2 a machine accessible medium providing content that, when accessed by a machine,
3 causes the machine to
4 receive data from an application;
5 create a socket;
6 associate the socket with an AF_INET address family and perform a mapping
7 between a socket API and an SDP layer if the application is a legacy
8 application; and
9 associate the socket with an AF_IB address family and perform a mapping
10 between the socket API and an IB verb if the application is a new
11 application.

1 8. The article of manufacture of claim 7, wherein the content, when accessed,
2 further causes the machine to provide the data to a channel adapter for transmission over
3 an IBA fabric.

1 9. The article of manufacture of claim 7, wherein the application is a new
2 application and the content, when accessed, further causes the machine to perform a
3 mapping between the socket API and the SDP layer.

1 10. A network comprising:
2 an IBA fabric;
3 a first system coupled with the IBA fabric, the first system including
4 a channel adapter coupling the first system with the IBA fabric, the channel
5 adapter to receive data from applications resident on the first system,
6 a socket API to provide an interface with the applications, and
7 an InfiniSock layer to provide an interface between the socket API and the
8 channel adapter, the InfiniSock layer including an AF_INET address
9 family and an AF_IB address family, the InfiniSock layer to provide a
10 mapping between the socket API and an SDP layer for legacy applications
11 and a mapping between the socket API and an IB verb for new
12 applications; and
13 a second system coupled with the IBA fabric.

1 11. The network of claim 10, the applications of the first system including a
2 legacy application and a new application.

1 12. The network of claim 10, the second system including a legacy
2 application.

1 13. The network of claim 10, the second system including a new application.

1 14. The network of claim 10, the second system comprising:

2 a channel adapter coupling the second system with the IBA fabric, the channel adapter to

3 receive data from applications resident on the second system;

4 a socket API to provide an interface with the applications; and

5 an InfiniSock layer to provide an interface between the socket API and the channel

6 adapter, the InfiniSock layer including an AF_INET address family and an AF_IB

7 address family, the InfiniSock layer to provide a mapping between the socket API

8 and an SDP layer for legacy applications and a mapping between the socket API

9 and an IB verb for new applications.

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